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EAST

1. SUMMARY: IN WEEKS SINCE VANCE MISSION, GOVERNMENT-OWNED AND FLN PARTY PRESS IN ALGIERS HAS ATTACKED US DIPLOMACY IN MIDEAST STRO-
NGLY. GOA DOES NOT REGARD THESE ATTACKS AS EXPRESSIONS OF ITS POS-
ITION. END SUMMARY.

2. FLN WEEKLY ORGAN "REVOLUTION AFRICAINE" COMMENTED IN FEATURE
ENTITLED "BEGINNINGS OF DISILLUSIONMENT" APPEARING IN AUGUST 17-23
ISSUE: "VANCE'S SEPTEMBER RENDEZVOUS WITH ARAB AND ISRAELI COUNTER-
PARTS MAY TURN OUT TO BE SICK JOKE, LIKE MIDEAST MISSION. WILL HE
HAVE SOMETHING CONCRETE TO OFFER, INSTEAD OF WAITING FOR ONE-SIDED
CONCESSIONS AS HE DID DURING RECENT SHUTTLE? WHATEVER CASE MAY BE,
FIRST ILLUSIONS WE HAD WHEN PRES. CARTER CAME TO OFFICE ARE BEGIN-
NING TO BE DISSIPATED IN FLOOD OF SERIOUS CONTRADICTIONS.... ACCUM-
ULATION OF SO MANY ERRORS AND PREJUDICES CAN LEAD TO NO OPTIMISM
RE PSEUDO EFFORTS OF VANCE AND HIS PRESIDENT.... BUT MYSTIFICA-
TION OF AMERICAN ROLE WILL NOT LAST BEYOND THIS YEAR. DISILLUSION-
MENT WILL APPERA BEGINNING NEXT MONTH, WHEN VANCE REVEALS HIS
POWERLESSNESS IN FACE OF TEL AVIV'S INTRANSIGENCE. THIS IS CLEARLY
WHAT SOVIETS ARE WAITING FOR TO RETURN IN FORCE."

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3. SIMILARLY, "REVOLUTION AFRICAINE" FOR AUGUST 24-30 WROTE IN LEAD
EDITORIAL: "THOSE WHO EXPECTED AMERICAN PRESSURE ON TEL AVIV TO
BRING PEACE SETTLEMENT HAVE BEEN TAKEN FOR RIDE. NO SOONER HAD VANCE'
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MISSION ENDED THAN ZIONIST LEADERS THREW THEMSELVES INTO NEW ESCA-
LATION OF MEASURES TO REINFORCE ANNEXATION OF GAZA AND WEST BANK....

OF COURSE WASHINGTON PROTESTED AGAINST THESE MEASURES, BUT THESE WERE JUST PROTESTS. BEGIN EXPECTED THEM, KNOWING THEY WOULD NOT CHANGE ANY OF FAITS ACCOMPLIS IMPOSED BY FORCE."

4. LEADING GOVERNMENT-OWNED ALGIERS DAILY "EL-MOUDJAHID" ATTACKED US DIPLOMACY IN SIGNED FRONT PAGE EDITORIAL ON AUGUST 23: "FROM BEGINNING TO END, VANCE'S MISSION WAS FLASH IN PAN. IN FACE OF ISRAEL'S INTRANSIGENCE, WASHINGTON COULD DO NO BETTER THAN ADVISE ARAB LEADERS TO MAKE MORE CONCESSIONS TO TEL AVIV TO HASTEN RECONVENING OF GENEVA CONFERENCE, WHICH, EVEN IF IT IS HELD, WILL SACRIFICE PALESTINIAN PARTNERS.... AMERICAN POLICY CONSISTS OF AVOIDING PALESTINIAN PROBLEM.... AFTER FAILURE OF VANCE'S MISSION, AMERICAN DUPLICITY HAS BEEN EXPOSED.... AWAITED IN ARAB CAPITALS AS MEDIATOR, VANCE WAS IN END MERELY CARRIER, IF NOT ADVOCATE, OF ISRAELI PROPOSALS.... CYNICISM SEEMS TO BE OVERSHADOWING POLITICAL 'MORALITY' PROCLAIMED IN WASHINGTON. TIMID AMERICAN EXPRESSIONS OF REGRET IN FACE OF ANNEXATION MEASURE... DO LITTLE TO HIDE AIMS OF WASHINGTON'S 'QUIET DIPLOMACY', WHICH IN ANY CASE MERELY SERVES SACROSANCT ISRAELI-AMERICAN ALLIANCE."

5. GOVERNMENT-OWNED ALGIERS DAILY "ASH-SHA'B" ATTACKED US DIPLOMACY AUGUST 29: "CONFIRMATION OF LEBANESE ISLOATIONISTS' POSITION AFTER VANCE'S RECENT TRIP TO MIDEAST AND CONTINUED ISRAELI CREATION OF COLONIES IN OCCUPIED WEST BANK ARE NATURAL RESULT OF AMERICAN SOLUTION, WHICH CANNOT BE IMPLEMENTED WITHOUT LIQUIDATION OF PALESTINIAN CAUSE."

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6. COMMENT: GOA REGARDS NEITHER FLN PARTY ORGANS NOR SIGNED EDITORIALS IN "EL-MOUDJAHID" AS OFFICIAL EXPRESSIONS OF ITS POLICY POSITIONS. IT IS CLEAR FROM OUR PRIVATE DISCUSSIONS THAT PRESS IS IN THIS INSTANCE FAR AHEAD OF GOA'S PRIVATE VIEWS.HAYNES

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